Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, March 5

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Adjournment: Senate met at 10:01 a.m., and adjourned at 5:20 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, March 5, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1791.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FARM BILL CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine statutes of conservation programs in the current farm bill, including Conservation Reserve Program, Emergency Conservation Program, Pasture Recovery Program, and Debt for Nature, after receiving testimony from Nathan L. Rudgers, New York Department of Agriculture and Markets, Albany, on behalf of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture; Craig Cox, Soil and Water Conservation Society, Ankeny, Iowa; John Hassell, Conservation Technology Information Center, West Lafayette, Indiana; Bob Stallman, Columbus, Texas, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Dan Specht, McGregor, Iowa, on behalf of the Sustainable Agriculture Coalition; and Tom Buis, National Farmers Union, Rollin D. Sparrow, Wildlife Management Institute, Gerald Cohn, American Farmland Trust, David Stawick, Alliance for Agricultural Conservation, and Paul Faeth, World Resources Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 143, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to reduce securities fees in excess of those required to fund the operations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, to adjust compensation provisions for employees of the Commission, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

An original resolution (S. Res. 40) requesting $2,741,526 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001, $4,862,013 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, and $2,079,076 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2002 through February 28, 2003.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 107th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Securities and Investments: Senators Enzi (Chairman), Shelby, Crapo, Bennett, Allard, Hagel, Santorum, Bunning, Dodd (Ranking Member), Johnson, Reed, Schumer, Bayh, Corzine, Carper, and Stabenow.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions: Senators Bennett (Chairman), Ensign, Shelby, Allard, Santorum, Bunning, Crapo, Johnson (Ranking Member), Miller, Carper, Stabenow, Dodd, Reed, and Bayh.

Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance: Senators Hagel (Chairman), Enzi, Crapo, Bayh (Ranking Member), Miller, and Johnson.

Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation: Senators Allard (Chairman), Santorum, Ensign, Shelby, Enzi, Hagel, Reed (Ranking Member), Carper, Stabenow, Corzine, Dodd, and Schumer.

Subcommittee on Economic Policy: Senators Bunning (Chairman), Bennett, Ensign, Schumer (Ranking Member), Miller, and Corzine.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET PROPOSAL

Committee on the Budget: Committee held hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2002, receiving testimony form Paul H. O'Neill, Secretary of the Treasury.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

TRANSITION TO DIGITAL TELEVISION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues related to the broadcast industry's transition to digital television, including digital rollout by the cable industry, cable industry upgrades, cable's new digital and high definition programming, digital must carry and retransmission consent, compatibility issues, and digital television set sales, after receiving testimony from Jeff Sagansky, Paxson Communications Corporation, West Palm Beach, Florida; Ben Tucker, Fisher Broadcasting, Inc., Seattle, Washington, on behalf of the National Association of Broadcasters; Michael Willner, Insight Communications, New York, New York; and Mark Cooper, Consumer Federation of America, James Gattuso, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Joseph S. Kraemer, LECG, and Thomas W. Hazlett, American Enterprise Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

ANTI-DRUG CERTIFICATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation to reform the anti-drug certification process, after receiving testimony from Senators Grassley and Hutchison; Representatives Gilman and Reyes; R. Rand Beers,